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ANY MILLIONS MEN REGISTER

19 to 37 Will Be Sent Questionnaires at Once, Others Later.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—While American soldiers at the front in France stood ready with French and British forces for what may prove the greatest battle of the war, thirteen million other Americans registered for military duty and gave the inspiring demonstration of patriotism in the nation's history.

There was no delay in starting the machinery by which the man power of the country will be made available to the war to a speedy and triumphant end. Out of the tremendous number of men who responded—with eagerness and creed represented—there were some 10 million men at home who were to be sent to the front.

The spirit that moved the registrars, the multitude brooked of no doubt, near the top age limit and boys in their teens marched under flying flags, within sound of bands, to places in every part of the land where their names were put down to the part of America's military establishment. This same loyal spirit was reflected in the known deferment of many not to claim deferment, regardless of sacrifice at home, which led officials to announce that such men were the patriotic duty of every citizen to make it.

Major General Crowder's message—"the registrars are at posts awaiting you"—was answered by some it never reached. Country's man power was ready. It swarmed about the registration stations soon after daylight and kept an unending line through the day. Today's fighting census will determine the status of every man just as it will pick those first to be called.

Work of mobilization, it might be said, is already under way, for disboards will select men over 19 below 37 to comprise the big contingents included in the October draft.

This means that many available soldiers will have barely two months at home.

Registration boards had endeavored to get out every detail of the plan so there would be no delay in classifying registrants, thousands of whom will be given deferment because of the importance of the labor they are engaged in.

This was regarded as one of the most difficult features and which required intelligent consideration for government has planned with the view of sending a steady flow of men to army cantonments without disturbing essential industries.

The drawing to fix the relative ranking of 13,000,000 will not take place under three weeks, perhaps, but meanwhile district boards will start numbering serially all of the men filled out today.

Questionnaires will be sent immediately to men of the 19-37 class, while others will be classified later.

By Saturday night General Crowder expects to have the exact figures showing the total registration. This may be above or below the approximate estimate of 13,000,000 but carefully placed that as substantially correct.

The same good order that prevailed June 5 a year ago for the first registration was looked for, with a larger number to be registered.

W.S.S.

WAR TIME PROHIBITION BROUGHT STEP NEARER.

Washington, Sept. 10.—War time prohibition became a step nearer completion in its legislative enactment when the house agricultural committee decided to report favorably on food production bill, including the amendment passed by the senate, making prohibition effective July 1, 1919.

The committee, however, decided to include in the "dry" amendment a provision permitting the importation of Italian wine until May 1, 1919, after senate amendments were disapproved by the committee.

W.S.S.

AN TO START IMPROVEMENTS.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company will shortly begin improvements in the depot buildings, thereby adding greatly to the working facilities of the company and the convenience of the public.

BILBO DEFEATED BY VOTE OF TWO TO ONE.

Mississippi Governor's Home County Only One to Give Him Majority.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 11.—With returns received from every county in the district, Judge Paul B. Johnson leads Governor Theodore G. Bilbo by about 4000 votes in the race for congress in the sixth congressional district of Mississippi. The total vote, with only about 600 votes in scattering boxes outstanding, is as follows:

Johnson 9241; Bilbo 5262. Bilbo carried only one county in the district, being Pearl River, his home county. The vote by counties was as follows: Harrison Johnson 846, Bilbo 383; Hancock 244-191; Forrest 1094-208; Wayne 585-309; Covington 662-579; Marion 639-571; Pearl River 277-555; Greene 328-124; Jones 1326-680; Stone 250-150; Lamar 347-292; Perry 332-82; Jeff Davis 375-330; Jackson 560-234; Lawrence 600-200; George 216-113; Simpson 596-252.

W.S.S.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER.

This masterpiece which is printed below was written by a British soldier while in France:

Father of all, help of the free, we pray with anxious hearts for all who fight on sea and land to guard our homes and liberty. Make clear the vision of our leaders, and their counsel wise.

Into Thy care our ships and seamen we commend; guard them from chance-sown mines, and all the dangers of this war at sea; make true their aim in midst or battle smoke, by night or day, as of old, give them the victory.

To men on watch give vigilance; to those below; calm sleep.

Make strong our soldier's hearts, and brace their nerves against the bursting shrapnel and the unseen fire that lays the next man low.

To those who risk their lives in mid-air, give courage and special strength of nerve.

In pity bind them from the sight of fallen comrades left upon the field.

May Christ himself receive in paradise the souls of those who pass through death.

Let not our soldiers ever doubt that they shall overcome the forces that shut the gates of mercy on mankind.

O, God of love and pity, have compassion on the wounded; make bearable their pain, or send unconsciousness.

To our soldiers in German prisons give help and comfort, strength to endure, patience, courage and the realization of Thy presence.

To the chaplains give special grace as they minister to souls now so ready to listen.

To surgeons and to dressers give strength that knows no failing, and skill that suffers not from desperate haste.

To tired men give time for rest. Pity the poor beasts of service who suffer for man's wrong.

For us at home let not that open shame be ours that we forget to ease the sufferings of the near and dear of brave men in the fighting line.

Oh, Thou that makest human wants the channel of Thy answers to our prayers, let loose a flood of sympathy for children and their mothers, and all who wander desolate and suffer, leaving wrecker homes and fields and gardens trodden under ruthless feet. With Thee, who suffers most of all, we in reverence, Thy burden share, for all are Thine, and in Thine image made—they, too, are Thine who caused the wrong.

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

In Session Monday and Tuesday—Paving and Sewerage up for Discussion.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were in session again on Monday and Tuesday nights of this week.

At Monday night's meeting the bonds of the mayor and marshal were filed and approved. Auditor M. M. Watkins also filed his report which was referred to the clerk for adjustment with the several city officers. The sum of \$200 was transferred from the general fund to the street fund, and \$250 from general fund to beach waterworks fund. Mayor was authorized to employ a street commissioner at a salary of \$100 per month. Mayor authorized to select site for dumping city garbage. Bids for erection of temporary school building were opened, but action postponed. City attorney filed report of investigation by himself and Dr. Sheppard of the Railroad Commission of street railway situation. Alderman Nelson reported that the city waterworks needed certain repairs and was instructed to ascertain cost of same.

The entire time of Tuesday night's meeting was taken up with consideration of the plans and specifications of sewerage and paving and means of financing same. No definite action was taken, as the selling of bonds and purchase of material after bonds are sold are both matters requiring the consent of the government during the period of the war.

The district for sewerage and paving agreed upon at the meeting is as follows:

Delmas Avenue from Frederic street to Pascagoula street.
Pascagoula street from telephone road to Jackson street.
Kerr street from Delmas Avenue to L. & N. railroad.
St. Perot street from Delmas Avenue to L. & N. railroad.
St. Francis street from Delmas Avenue to L. & N. railroad.
Frederic street from Delmas Avenue to L. & N. railroad.
Cedar street from L. & N. railroad to Live Oak street.
Magnolia street from L. & N. railroad to Live Oak street.
Krebs Avenue from Cedar street to Pascagoula street.

Estimates of cost of sewerage as submitted by Mr. X. A. Kramer, state highway engineer, who was present at the meeting are as follows: Storm sewers, \$10,153; sanitary sewerage system, \$35,000. And as for paving of various kinds: Gravel, \$21,000; wood block, \$111,000; vitrified brick, \$98,000; concrete, \$108,000.

A Mr. Sutherland, representing a Chicago bond house, was also present and discussed the financial end of the proposition. He stated that his house would be glad to purchase the city's bonds at par and accrued interest.

W.S.S.

"MISSING IN ACTION"

Red Cross Locates Soldier in German Prison Camp.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 13.—"Missing in action" were the words telegraphed by the War Department Aug. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Overby, P. O. box 360, Greenwood, Miss.

Their son, Private Walter Overby, had been in battle somewhere in France July 15 and failed to return.

Worried and grieved, the Overby couple appealed to the chairman of the Home Service Section of the Red Cross Chapter at Greenwood. The chairman got in touch immediately with the Civilian Relief Bureau of the Gulf Division, A. R. Co., here, and then Washington was called into action.

In six days, the Red Cross located Private Overby in a German prison camp—Camp Langensala.

While the Bureau of Civilian Relief has more than 100 cases within the last few months, involving inquiries of parents or wives about the condition of soldiers and sailors, the Overby case is record in rushing through definite information to the parents.

With thousands of southern boys now in France, the Red Cross chapters have been given posters to be placed in depots, banks, postoffices and other places, telling in detail how to communicate through the Red Cross with prisoners of war, how to obtain relief for prisoners and other details.

W.S.S.

THREAD MAKERS DIRECTED TO LIMIT THEIR OUTPUT.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Manufacturers of cotton thread were directed by the War Industries board today to limit their output of white thread to fourteen sizes, of black to seven and colored to one, with all spools of smallest diameter for 200 yards.

COST OF SHIPS WILL BE GIVEN TO PUBLIC SOON.

Chairman Hurley Getting Figures to Show Expense of Building Each Type.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The actual cost of each ship built under wartime necessity is to be determined by the Shipping Board and the nation informed of the price paid for all steel, composite or wooden ships delivered to the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, announced tonight that he would confer next week with Director General Schwab and Vice-President Plex, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, to consider a preliminary survey made during the past two months by accountants.

The main object of the shipping board, heretofore, has been to construct ships to carry the troops. The work had to be rushed and expense was subordinated to the immediate needs of the nation. The shipbuilding program now is well under way with approximately eighty-five per cent of the ways planned and completed, and ships for some time have been turned out faster than submarines destroyed the equal of new tonnage.

While the Shipping Board realizes the futility of comparison of war costs as a basis for readjustments in peace times, Mr. Hurley said there is a desire for definite information as to the precise cost of ships of various types even in the present extraordinary time.

"The cost of producing ships during the war," said Mr. Hurley, "is by no means confined to labor and materials. The cost of both inevitably is higher but the trouble we anticipate in getting our approximations is due to the fact that certain extraordinary measures had to be taken and the cost of them had to be imposed on the yards."

W.S.S.

LEAVES CHURCH TO BE CHAPLAIN.

The Mobile friends of the Rev. Andrew Orin Dodge will be pleased to learn of his promotion from pastor of Mary's Catholic church at Lawrenceville, Mass., to chaplain in the United States army, in the rank of lieutenant.

The following is taken from the Lawrence Telegram:

"Rev. Father Andrew O. Dodge, formerly of St. Mary's church, this city, now chaplain in the United States army with the rank of first lieutenant, has been assigned to Camp Devens, where he will take up his duties after a 20-day furlough.

"Thursday Father Dodge graduated with 190 others from the school for chaplains at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky. There were sixteen priests in the school, two of whom were assigned to the Philippines, while Father Boutin of Worcester comes to Camp Devens with Father Dodge. All the chaplains expect to go overseas ultimately, but for the present are stationed in camps on this side.

"The training given the chaplains included three hours of class work, much time studying, with riding, drill and hiking each day. While he was at camp, Father Dodge heard confession every Saturday night and said mass Sundays at the Knights of Columbus huts. Father Dodge's military knowledge, gained through his connection as head of St. Mary's Cadets, was of invaluable assistance in his training."

Lieutenant Dodge lived in Mobile for several years before leaving for Viterbo, Italy, to take up his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained in Rome, Italy, and sang his first solemn mass in Mobile at St. Matthew's church, this city. When a resident of Mobile, he was a member of the National Guard. His many friends wish him continued success in his new career.—Mobile Register.

The above clipping from the Mobile Register, Sunday, Sept. 8, 1918.

Father Dodge is a native of Escatawpa, Miss., and a convert to the Catholic faith. On his return from Italy, and while residing in Mobile, he came to Pascagoula in July, 1915, and celebrated High Mass at the church of Our Lady of Victories, after which quite a large reception was tendered him by the congregation. He also visited friends and relatives in Escatawpa, and his many friends in Jackson county are justly proud of his remarkable success.

W.S.S.

MANY REGISTRANTS.

Thursday was a busy day at the courthouse. Registrants under the new draft began pouring in with the opening hour and all day a long line of men were in waiting at the desks in the sheriff's office and chancery clerk's office. In the afternoon a desk was placed in the rear hall of the courthouse with Mr. F. H. Lewis in charge. Sheriff Parker, Circuit Clerk Havens and Miss Verna Johnson, clerk of the Local Board, had charge of the work in the sheriff's office, while Chancery Clerk Taylor, Assessor W. W. Woodman and Mr. T. G. Hibbler registered those in the chancery clerk's office.

The total registered in Pascagoula Thursday were 153. The total for the county will likely reach 2,000.

W.S.S.

Many more homes are arising throughout the city.

AMERICANS BEGIN GREAT OFFENSIVE

Parishing First Army Attacks on Twenty-Mile Front South of Verdun.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The American First Army, under command of General Pershing, is in action against the Germans on a twenty-mile front on the famous St. Mihiel salient in Lorraine, which had stood a sharp wedge in the French line southeast of Verdun since the commencement of the war.

In the preliminary thrust ground was gained on both sides of the triangle and also at its apex at St. Mihiel, and at last accounts the Americans, with whom some French troops are brigaded, were fast sweeping across the salient in an effort to close the mouth of the big pocket before the Germans can extricate themselves from the perilous position they are in as a result of the suddenness of the blow and the element of surprise it carried with it.

Although the advance of the Americans was swift and sure and gains in excess of four miles on the southern side of the battle area were made, the cavalry far outstripped the tanks and foot men and was almost in the center of the salient and some ten miles northeast of St. Mihiel and also northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, through the forests and along the railway line running northward to Metz, the great German fortress, the southern outer fortifications of which are less than ten miles distant.

W.S.S.

HAIG TAKES 75,000 GERMANS, 750 GUNS IN MONTH.

London, Sept. 10.—The capture by the British of 75,000 prisoners and 750 guns in four weeks is announced by Field Marshal Haig, in an order of the day.

"We have passed through many dark days," says Field Marshal Haig, commander in chief of the British forces in France, in an order of the day. "The enemy has now spent his effort."

W.S.S.

GASOLINE SHORTAGE FACES THE COUNTRY.

Unless There is Conservation Deficit This Year of 1,000,000 Gallons.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Fuel Administrator Garfield informed the Senate today, in response to the Lodge resolution of inquiry, that unless conservation steps are taken immediately there will be a deficit of approximately 1,000,000 barrels of gasoline at the end of the year. At the rate of consumption in August he estimated there was only about one month's supply ahead.

The resolution was introduced by Senator Lodge after the Fuel Administration had asked the public to stop using automobiles for pleasure on Sunday.

The daily domestic consumption of gasoline in this country, Dr. Garfield reported, amounts to 160,000 barrels, and 34,000 barrels are exported daily. The daily production is 191,000 barrels, which leaves a deficit of 3000 barrels.

Gasoline and naphtha stocks April 1 had been increased to a total of 11,000,000 barrels. By August 1 this supply had fallen to 7,800,000 barrels. The total reduction in the stocks of gasoline and naphtha during July was approximately 1,367,000 barrels.

W.S.S.

JOHNSON 560-BILBO 234.

The Jackson County Democratic Executive Committee met Thursday and tabulated the vote of the congressional primary of Sept. 10. No returns were received from the Wade, Hurley and Pecan precincts, the votes credited to Wade and Hurley being from the soldiers. Following was the vote by precincts:

Wade, Johnson 6, Bilbo 1; Hurley 1-1; Big Point 3-3; Escatawpa 33-42; Moss Point 124-16; East Side 3-5; Orange Grove 2-19; Pascagoula 143-39; South Pascagoula 20-2; West Pascagoula 14-4; Ocean Springs 98-33; Jacobs 21-9; Latimer 8-3; Larue 8-3; Bluff Creek 70-34; Cartersville 15-20; total, Johnson 560, Bilbo 234. The soldier vote, which is included in the above, was Johnson 27, Bilbo 11.

W.S.S.

STREET RAILWAY INVESTIGATED

Dr. F. N. Sheppard, chairman of the railway commission, visited Pascagoula Monday for the purpose of investigating the street railway situation, complaints as to service, the recent increase in fares and the condition of the road generally all of which will be embodied in Dr. Sheppard's report to the railroad commission.

W.S.S.

MOSS POINT

Miss Mary Ada Stewart left Monday for Amite, La., where she will teach this winter.

Robert and Morton Delmas left this week for Bay St. Louis, where they will enter St. Stanislaus College.

Mr. H. E. Delmas was a business visitor to New Orleans Tuesday. Miss Lola Vanderwall, is in New Orleans this week where she underwent an operation on her throat. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Vanderwall.

Mrs. S. D. McInnis spent several days in Lumberton this week. Mr. E. K. Gantt visited Mobile Tuesday.

Mrs. W. M. Alexander and two young sons of Luka have joined Mr. Alexander here.

Friends of Mrs. Emile Blumer and family, who have been in Laurel for the past year, are glad to welcome them back as residents of Moss Point.

Mrs. L. M. Orrell and baby of Oak are visiting her mother, Mrs. E. E. Fellows.

Mrs. John Hill, Sr., has returned after a pleasant visit to St. Louis. Percy Colmer and Leroy Jones were recent visitors to New Orleans.

Mr. Tom Steele transacted business in Mobile Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Lowe and son William visited Mobile Tuesday.

Harold Watkins, who has been here during the summer, left Monday for Mobile, where he will attend Spring Hill College.

Lloyd Bibb was a Saturday visitor to Mobile.

Miss Sarah Fairley is in New Orleans this week.

Mrs. J. C. Montgomery and Miss Adele Bounds were Tuesday shoppers in Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cobb, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wood, have returned to Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Turner, Mrs. C. H. McLeod and Miss Addie McInnis motored to Vancleave Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Denny and two boys, with Miss Lottie Hyatt and Miss Mary Bragg, who spent the summer in Mobile, returned this week.

Miss Thelma Barnett was among the Tuesday visitors to Mobile.

Mayers Dantzler motored over from New Orleans to register Thursday.

Overstreet was a business visitor to New Orleans.

Mrs. W. C. Eley of Forest, of her son, Dr. Carl Eley, who will be married to Miss Bruster left Monday for Tampa, Fla., where Mr. Bruster will continue in the shipbuilding business.

REAL ESTATE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Recorded in Chancery Clerk's Office For Week Ending September 6th.

Great American Oil Co. to Herbert Respass, 4 drill tracts, containing 1,000 square feet each, known as numbers 6, 7, 21, 22 in block No. 21 subdivision of e1 of sw1 of nw1 of 33-7-5, \$150.

The Lampton Realty Co. to Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Hattiesburg, Miss., lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 in block 19 town of Hattiesburg, \$1.

John F. Krebs to Arsene Carl Lynd, part of lot 49 W. Denny & Co. tract in city of Moss Point in 35-7-5, \$100.

J. P. Carter to J. H. Williams, lots 2 and 3 of plan of division of the Catholic church lands made by Burton Goode in 14-8-6, \$700.

The Lampton Realty Co. to Mae Roberts, e1 of sw1 of 28-4-5, \$500.

Bruner Lennep and wife to Chester Holland, all that part of ne1 of ne1 of 13-7-6 lying west of the Elder Ferry road in 13-7-6, \$350.

Florence R. Brown to Thomas Lindsey, quit claim deed to parcel of land on Meridian and Palmetto sts. in East Side in 36-7-6, \$75.

Mrs. Celia Harris to J. J. Tomasich, part of lot No. 2 square 1 V. Delmas heirs tract in city of Pascagoula in 11-8-4, \$50.

Vancleave Lumber Co. to Henry D. Myers, sw1 of se1 of 13-5-8, \$1.

Mrs. A. A. Humphreys to J. C. Cawthorn, nw1 of sw1 and sw1 of nw1 of 35-4-6.

Catherine Peterson to Sidney Krebs, certain lot on school house st. adjoining property of Mrs. Dora Smith in city of Pascagoula in 11-8-6, \$750.

Mrs. Eliza Larimore to Geo. P. Elder, field, tracts Nos. 24 and 29 as shown by South Orange Grove blue print containing 10 acres in 36-7-5, \$600.

A. F. Chaastant to Peter Cassibry, all of lots 6, 7, and 8 and part lot 9 in block 3 town site of Laine or Riverside in 28-7-5, \$2,000.

Charles B. Vaughan to Ralph T. Vaughan and wife, w1 of sw1 of se1 of 20 and w1 of nw1 of 20-7-5, \$1,700.

Deeds of Trust.

Henry Hurst and wife to George